



## Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) Membership

Dean Dawson, Coordinator  
Richard Valenti, Fairbanks  
Zachary Jones, Juneau  
Toby Allen, Anchorage  
Anguli Grantham, Kodiak

Judith Bittner/Jo Antonson, Anchorage  
Dennis Moser, Fairbanks  
Bruce Parham, Anchorage  
Susan Means, Anchorage  
Larry Hibpshman, Kenai

## Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	Dec. 7, 2015
Meeting Location:	Teleconference
Minutes Recorded by:	Zachary Jones
Roll Call:	<p>Present at the Meeting:</p> <p>Dean Dawson, Coordinator, Juneau Zachary Jones, Juneau Judy Bittner, Anchorage Jo Antonson, Anchorage Bruce Parham, Anchorage Toby Allen, Anchorage Richard Valenti, Fairbanks Anguli Grantham, Kodiak Larry Hibpshman, Kenai</p> <p>Members Absent:</p> <p>Dennis Moser, Fairbanks Susan Means, Anchorage</p>

### I. Greeting & Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order by D. Dawson at 2:30 p.m. Roll call was conducted.

### II. Acceptance of October 1, 2014 Minutes.

J. Bittner moved to approve the minutes. T. Allen seconded.

### III. Current Business.

#### **A. Review of Journeyman Archivist Processing Program institutional applications.**

D. Dawson opened discussion by providing an overview of the Journeyman Archivist Processing Program and articulating that the board would discuss the five applications from the Alaskan

institutions that had applied. The five institutions that applied included the Fairbanks Arts Association, the Alaska Aviation Museum, the Seward Community Library and Museum, ARLIS, and the Carrie M. McLain Museum of Nome. It was the board's obligation to select one institution to accept a Journeyman Archivist for six weeks over the summer of 2016.

Fairbanks Arts Association. The board felt the Association was a good organization, but that its application was not strong. More description was needed in its application, but the board complimented its pairing this project with an anniversary. Some board members offered the idea that perhaps the Association should consider offering its archival collection to UAF.

Alaska Aviation Museum, Anchorage. It was noted that past consultation to the Museum had been given by D. Dawson per a grant. The board felt the Museum was a good organization, but that its application was not strong. More description was needed in its application, including about the collections proposed to receive care. Acknowledgment given that the museum has committed volunteers.

Seward Community Library and Museum. Some board members felt that Seward's collections (including Alaska during WWII) are good, but the application was not overly compelling. However, the board liked Seward's application and felt that it was the type of community organization this project hoped to serve.

ARLIS, Anchorage. The board felt ARLIS's application was one of the best; well written, compelling, and interesting collections. However, although the board liked the application, the board discussed the ramifications of awarding funding to ARLIS, due to it being a large, well-funded, and centrally located institution. The board felt that perhaps an NHPRC processing grant or other would be better suited to serve ARLIS.

Carrie M. McLain Museum, Nome. The board felt the museum's application was one of the best applications. The application was well written, the collections to be served are good, it evidenced solid planning/goals, the community historian program is praiseworthy, and the institution type and location fits the objectives of the grant.

D. Dawson then asked board members to state the best two applications from those reviewed. The board was unanimous in selecting the McLain Museum as first choice with Seward as second. The board then unanimously voted to make the award to the McLain Museum.

## **B. Closing Items of Business.**

D. Dawson stated he would notify the McLain Museum. Dawson stated that he would begin work toward recruitment of the Journeyman Archivist. Discussion then moved to the Journeyman Archivist Processing Program and how aspects of it function for the host institution and the Journeyman Archivist.

L. Hibpshman offered a tribute to the late Dr. Robert A. Frederick, Professor of History at Alaska Methodist University and the first director of the Alaska Historical Commission.

A. Grantham mentioned the Cannery Initiative Project, a project aimed to further study of Alaska's historic fisheries, and encouraged board members to spread word and/or apply if interested. Grant application deadline is January 1, 2016.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and then seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.